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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

CONCERNING EMERGENCY FOOD AID FOR SYRIA.

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I. Request from the Syrian Government and analysis of requirements

A. Request

In view of current events in the Middle East, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has submitted a request to the Community for emergency food aid involving the supply of:

20.000 of cereals
2.000 of skimmed milk powder
1.000 of butteroil
10.000 of sugar

to feed approximately 500 000 people at least until the end of 1977.

B. Requirements

The number of people in need is confirmed by information, obtained from other sources, according to which 500 000 Syrians who have returned from Lebanon and 20 000 Lebanese refugees in Syria are in need of food aid.

The requirements of the first group are very limited (mainly because they are staying with relatives or friends) whereas the needs of the second group (housed in camps, schools, etc.) are considerably greater.

In these circumstances, the cereals, skimmed milk powder and butteroil ¹ requirements of the 520 000 people in question have been calculated as follows:

- (i) for the first group on the basis of daily rations per person of 100 g of cereals, 15 g of skimmed milk powder and 10 g of butteroil;
- (ii) for the second group, on the basis of the daily rations per person normally used by the Community (i.e. 500 g of cereals, 30 g of skimmed milk powder and 20 g of butteroil.

(1) The sugar has not been taken into consideration, since this product does not form part of the Community's regular food aid programmes.

On the basis of the above calculations, the total requirements for a three-month period are as follows:

5 000 t of cereals
700 t of skimmed milk powder
500 t of butteroil.

It should be noted that Syria has not as yet received any other aid to cover these requirements (1).

II. The Commission's proposals

In these circumstances, the Commission considers that the Community should decide on an emergency food aid measure in favour of Syria, designed to cover requirements over a three-month period, which is in accordance with the Community's normal practice in this type of situation; this would involve the quantities mentioned above, namely:

5 000 t of cereals
700 t of skimmed milk powder
500 t of butteroil.

These products would be delivered to the port of unloading. The quantities involved would be counted against the general reserves under the 1976 programmes (2).

The cost of the aid is estimated at 1.50 million u.a., which would not involve the Community in any expenditure in addition to that already provided for in the 1976 budget (3).

(1) in 1976, Syria received normal delivered food aid from the EEC in the form of 2 500 t of cereals delivered fob. The normal aid in the form of cereals proposed for Syria by the Commission under the 1977 programme involves a quantity of 10 000 t (to be delivered fob).

(2) After this operation in favour of Syria, the position regarding the 1976 reserves will be as follows: 4 950 t of cereals, 4 599 t of skimmed milk powder and 239 t of butteroil.

(3) see the Financial Annex.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing it is proposed that the Council :

- (i) approve the supply to Syria of emergency food aid in the form of 5 000 t of cereals, 700 t of skimmed milk powder and 500 t of butteroil to be delivered to the port of unloading;
- (ii) adopt the acts annexed hereto.

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PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL REGULATION (EE) No. /77

of

on the supply of butteroil to the Syrian Arab Republic as emergency food aid pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No. 695/76

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 694/76 of 25 March 1976 laying down general rules for the supply of milk fats to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 food-aid programme, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

(1) OJ No. L 83, 30.3.1976, p.4.

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No. 695/76 of 25 March 1976 on the supply of milk fats to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 food-aid programme (1) provides for a reserve of 3 640 tons of butteroil;

Whereas the Syrian Arab Republic has requested emergency food aid in the form of milk fats; whereas the needs of the country concerned warrant food aid from the Community.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

of the 3 640 tons of butteroil provided for as a reserve by Regulation (EEC) No. 695/76, 500 tons shall be allocated to the Syrian Arab Republic as emergency food aid.

Article 2

This regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

(1) OJ No. L 83, 30.3.1976, p.6.

DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No. /77

of

on the supply of skimmed milk powder to the Syrian Arab Republic as emergency food aid pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No. 2018/76

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1298/76 of 1 June 1976 laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 programme (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 2017/76 (2), and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No. 2018/76 of 27 July 1976 on the additional supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries, international organizations and non-governmental organizations under the 1976 programme (3) provides for a reserve of 8 200 tons of skimmed milk powder;

Whereas the Syrian Arab Republic has submitted a request for emergency food aid in the form of skimmed milk powder; whereas its needs warrant food aid from the Community,

(1) OJ No. L 146, 4.6.1976, p.3.

(2) OJ No. L 224, 16.8.1976, p.1

(3) OJ No. L 224, 16.8.1976, p.2.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Of the 8 200 tons of skimmed milk powder provided for as a reserve by Regulation (EEC) No. 2018/76, 700 tons shall be allocated to the Syrian Arab Republic as emergency food aid.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

Financial Annex

1. Relevant budget heading codes

Article 920 - item 9200 of 1977 budget (appropriation = 5 million u.a.)

Article 921 - item 9210 of 1977 budget (appropriation : p.m.)
which will be funded by a transfer within chapter 92 or by a sum of
approximately 7 million u.a. carried forward from 1976, a request
for which will be submitted to the Council.

2. Titles of budget headings

Item 9200 = cereal food aid - previous programmes to 1977.

Item 9210 = milk products food aid - previous programmes to 1977.

3. Legal basis

Council Decisions of 25 March 1976 (1976 cereal and butteroil programmes
Council Decisions of 2-3 March and 27 July 1976 (1976 milk powder
programme).

4. Description, objective and justification of the project

Allocation of 5 000 t of cereals, 700 t of milk powder and 500 t of
butteroil to the Syrian Government.

5. Appropriations

5.1 Method of calculation

Raw material

Cereals	5 000 t	x	83.98 u.a./t	=	0.42 million u.a.
Milk	700 t	x	271.2 u.a./t	=	0.19 million u.a.
Butteroil	500 t	x	394.49 u.a./t	=	0.70 million u.a.
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					1.31 million u.a.

Transport (on a CIF basis)

Cereals	5 000 t	x	30 u.a./t	=	0.15 million u.a.
Milk	700 t	x	35 u.a./t	=	0.02 million u.a.
Butteroil	500 t	x	40 u.a./t	=	0.02 million u.a.
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					0.19 million u.a.
Total				=	1.50 million u.a.
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5.2 Implications in respect of expenditure

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This project would not involve any expenditure in addition to that already envisaged for the implementation of the 1976 programmes.

6. Type of control to be applied

Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

